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MEDICINE FOR DIABETES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether fool-proof medicine for diabetes has been prepared from the poison of a particular kind of lizard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the commerical production of this medicine has started; and

(d) if so, the name under which it is available in the market?

Answer

THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANIRAMADOSS)

(a) to (d) According to Drug Controller General of India, antidiabetics drug `Exendatide` researched and developed by USA Company - M/s Eli-Lilly, is derived from venom of Gila monster lizard. The drug is subjected to examination/evaluation as per Drugs and Cosmetics Rules in India.